

Amendment to the claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An oral hygiene method for reducing the incidence of caries in a patient, comprising: contacting the patient's teeth, and surrounding oral cavity, with a toothpaste comprising about 1.6 to about 2.6% by weight of lauroyl sarcosinate, about 0.18% to about 0.37% Cetylpyridinium Chloride, and about 0.1 to about 0.6% dehydroacetic acid, and mouthwash composition compositions comprising a therapeutically effective amount of about 0.05 to about 0.1% Cetylpyridinium Chloride, about 0.15 to about 0.4% lauroyl sarcosinate, about 0.01 to about 0.06% dehydroacetic acid, and about 0.01 to about 0.1% citric acid; and exposing the patient's dental appliances and toothbrush periodically to a disinfecting solution comprising a therapeutically effective amount of about 0.06 to about 0.75% Cetylpyridinium Chloride and about 1 to 2% lauroyl sarcosinate.
2. (Cancelled)
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11. Cancelled)
12. (Original) An oral hygiene method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the toothpaste, mouthwash and disinfecting solution each have a pH of about 6.2.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Original) An oral hygiene method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the patient's dental appliances and tooth brush are exposed to the disinfecting solution after being exposed to the oral cavity of the patient.
15. (Currently amended) An oral hygiene kit, comprising:

a toothpaste for use in combination with a toothbrush; a mouthwash; and a disinfecting solution to disinfect the toothbrush, and wherein the toothpaste comprises about 1.6 to about 2.6% by weight of lauroyl sarcosinate, about 0.18% to about 0.37% Cetylpyridinium Chloride, and about 0.1 to about 0.6% dehydroacetic acid, said mouthwash comprises about 0.05 to about 0.1% Cetylpyridinium Chloride, about 0.15 to about 0.4% lauroyl sarcosinate, about 0.01 to about 0.06% dehydroacetic acid, and about 0.01 to about 0.1% citric acid; and said disinfecting solution ~~each comprise a therapeutically effective amount of~~ about 0.06 to about 0.75% Cetylpyridinium Chloride and about 1 to about 2% Sodium Lauroyl Sarcosinate to reduce the incidence of caries in a patient.
16. (Currently amended) An oral hygiene kit as claimed in claim 15, wherein the ~~therapeutically effective amount of~~ Cetylpyridinium Chloride and the Sodium Lauroyl

Sarcosinate in the toothpaste, mouthwash and disinfecting solution effectively reduces the number of bacterial flora which contribute to the development of caries.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) An oral hygiene kit as claimed in claim 15, ~~wherein~~ wherein the toothpaste comprises:

about 1.6 % to about 2.6 %, by weight, of Sodium Lauroyl Sarcosinate;

about 0.25 % to about 0.30 %, by weight of Sodium Fluoride;

about 0.1 % to about 0.6 %, by weight, of Dehydroacetic Acid;

about 0.18 % to about 0.37 %, by weight, of Cetylpyridinium Chloride;

about 30 % to about 60 %, by weight, of Sorbitol;

about 3 % to about 10 %, by weight, of Glycerin;

about 1 % to about 3 %, by weight, of Cellulose Gum;

about 0.3 % to about 1.0 %, by weight, of Titanium Dioxide;

about 0.08 % to about 0.1 %, by weight, of Flavors;

about 10 % to about 30 %, by weight, of Hydrated Silica; and

about 10 % to about 30 %, by weight, of water.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently amended) A toothpaste comprising about 1.6 to about 2.6 % by weight Sodium Lauroyl Sarcosinate, Sodium Fluoride; about 0.1 to about 0.6 % Dehydroacetic

Acid; about 0.18 % to about 0.37 % Cetylpyridinium Chloride, Cetylpyridinium Chloride, and Glycerin, at a pH of 6.2.

23. (Currently amended) A mouthwash comprising about 0.15 to about 0.4 % Sodium Lauroyl Sarcosinate; Sodium Fluoride; about 0.01 to about 0.06 % Dehydroacetic Acid; and about 0.05 to about 0.1 % Cetylpyridinium Chloride, at a pH of 6.2.

24. (New) The mouthwash of claim 23, further comprising polysorbate.